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With the appointment of Mr. J. Warren Jacobs to undertake the financial part of the BULLETIN, there is great likelihood of the best year we have yet seen. Members should not fail to place Mr. Jacobs in communication with any persons who might desire advertising space, subscriptions or membership. We should have fifty new active members this year and an unlimited number of associates. *You* can materially aid in increasing our roll of members. The work needs them; the BULLETIN needs them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The year 1898, so full of great events and political changes, was also eventful for American ornithological journalism; and certain enterprises came to an untimely end, while others still occupy precarious positions. The publication of a scientific journal which is not primarily an advertising medium for its proprietors, is at all times a problem and must be a labor of love more or less entirely.

The publications of the Wilson Chapter have been managed with the greatest possible economy, but their maintenance has always been a cause of more or less considerable expense to those immediately connected with its publication. For the past three or four years the duties of editor and publisher have fallen almost entirely on the shoulders of Mr. Lynds Jones, and he has bravely performed these labors besides contributing a large share of the material for the BULLETINS. Recent advancement in his position on the Oberlin College faculty with extra responsibilities attending have made it necessary for Mr. Jones to ask for some relief, and Mr. J. Warren Jacobs has kindly consented to assume the duties of business manager of the BULLETIN, and is hereby appointed to that position. Mr. Jacobs, I am sure, needs no introduction to the Chapter. His wide acquaintance and experience as an ornithologist especially fits him for advancing the interests of the BULLETIN. With the help of Mr. Jacobs, the BULLETIN ought to meet with still greater success and receive the financial support so necessary to the success of any publication.

The BULLETINS of the Wilson Chapter are regularly sent to the large institutions of learning and are read by our most prominent ornithologists. Each issue is regularly represented on the tables of the reading room in the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, and is read by ornithologists and students.

We need members who are willing to work intelligently and conscientiously on the various committees and who are far sighted enough to see that such work is especially profitable and meets with desired recognition.

R. M. STRONG, *President W. O. C.*